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Group wants atheist ads on city buses

TARYN MCELHERAN
for Metro Vancouver

An atheist group was expected to submit an ad for approval yesterday that would be posted on metro Vancouver buses promoting the idea that there is no God.

Humanist Canada approached Lamar Advertising, which handles TransLink's advertising, to see if it can post ads with the slogan "You can be good without God."

The City of Victoria has rejected the ads and yesterday Halifax's transit authority did, too.

Pat O'Brien, the Vancouver-based president of Humanist Canada, said the ads are meant to educate people about the existence of an organized atheist group.

"It's an organization that actively fights for secular values, separation of church and state and to bring attention to the fact that there are a lot of people who live their lives quite happily without God and that they're not alone," he told Metro.

A similar ad campaign in London, England, carried the message, "There's probably no God. Now



A bus in London, England, carries the Humanist message last month.

stop worrying and enjoy your life." Posters were placed in 800 double-decker buses and on the underground system last month.

Nancy Swartz, a member of the Secular Humanist Association in Victoria, said the ads present an important alternative.

"Almost every corner has a church that can have a billboard on their grounds that say anything they want," Swartz said. "So this is just a place for us to get our message out. It's an option, another way to live a morally good life."

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Teen arrested in SkyTrain slashing

ATTACK A 13-year-old boy, who's been involved with police 75 times in the past year, has been arrested after allegedly slashing a man with a knife on the SkyTrain.

Transit police Chief Ward Clapham said the teen attacked a 23-year-old man because he would-

n't give the boy a cigarette on Sunday. Witnesses pushed the emergency intercom, and transit police picked up the suspect at Columbia Station. "The victim received severe injuries to his left hand," Clapham said.

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\$2B more for new capital projects

SUMMIT The province will dole out \$2 billion in new capital projects accelerated over the next three years, B.C.'s premier announced yesterday at the start of a two-day economic summit.

The spending, said Gordon Campbell, will include \$500 million to \$600 million that will be "on the ground" in the next 60 to 90 days.

"We've got to get this engine out and moving," Campbell told hundreds of business people at the B.C. Economic Summit at the Sheraton Wall Centre.

The projects, which could range from housing to hospitals to roads, will create jobs in every part of the province. Campbell did not identify any specific project.

The \$2 billion, he said, is in addition to \$10.6 billion in approved capital projects and \$1.4 billion in local infrastructure projects. Campbell spoke about the need to reduce regional fragmentation and open free trade within Canada.

He also called for:

- A combined federal-provincial environmental assessment to prevent capital projects from getting tied up in the assessment process.

- Open skies agreements, allowing airplanes from different countries free access to Canada. Campbell said any country with an open-skies agreement with the U.S. should be able to land in Canada.

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Premier Gordon Campbell yesterday at the Sheraton Wall Centre.

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Sliding Centre opens tomorrow

The new Whistler Sliding Centre is opening tomorrow for bobsleigh and skeleton athletes to try out the new tracks. About 250 athletes from 24 countries will be competing in the first of two World Cups at the centre from Feb. 5 to Feb. 7. **METRO VANCOUVER**

Local



Cops seek hydrant vandal

Abbotsford police are asking for the public's help in finding those responsible for taking the caps off city fire hydrants in the past few weeks. The pranks have caused more than \$25,000 in flooding and road damage. The latest incident happened on Monday night.

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Nickelback leads Juno pack

BRIAN TOWIE
Metro Canada



Nickelback is feeling the Juno love.

The rockers, led by Surrey resident Chad Kroeger, are on top with nominations for five Juno Awards, including the Juno Fan Choice Award, single of the year for Gotta Be Somebody and album of the year for Dark Horse.

Burnaby rockers



Chad Kroeger

Hedley received three nominations: Juno Fan Choice, album of the year for Famous Last Words and songwriter of the year.

The nominees for Canada's highest prize in music were announced at a news conference at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto yesterday morning. The winners will be announced at the 2009 Juno Awards, set to take place on March 29 at GM Place in Vancouver.

Nominations

- Notable local nominees include: **Aaron Pritchett** (country recording of the year); **Mike Fraser** (recording engineer of the year); **Michael Bublé** (single of the year); **Steve Dawson** (instrumental album of the year)
- To see the complete list of Juno nominees go to metronews.ca/music

of the year); **Steve Dawson** (instrumental album of the year)

Canada's Music Awards JUNO Awards

"That's the city it's going to be in and Vancouver's one of those cities where you can pretty much have a

good time without the Juno Awards. You add Junos into that, and the whores will be flying."

Peters committed a major gaffe when he included Vancouver singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan in a joke.

"She's married to a brown guy!" the South-Asian Canadian comedian said.

Actually, McLachlan separated from drummer Ashwin Sood last September.

For a full list of Juno nominees, visit metronews.ca/music.

Court rules on Canucks ownership

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DECISION The Aquilini family is the rightful owner of the Vancouver Canucks, the B.C. Court of Appeal upheld yesterday, rejecting an appeal by local businessmen Tom Gaglardi and Ryan Beedie.

The three-member panel agreed with the trial judge's ruling that there was no partnership between Gaglardi, Beedie and Francesco Aquilini, who purchased the Canucks from Seattle billionaire John McCaw in 2004.

In a statement, Aquilini said his family was pleased the appeal was dismissed.

"I'm hoping that this decision means we can all put this issue behind us and get back to work," Aquilini said. "From our family's perspective, we've always believed that our agreement with John McCaw to purchase the team was a good deal, one that returned local ownership to Vancouver."

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Surrey man killed in home shooting

FATALITY A 25-year-old Surrey man has died after being shot to death in a Whalley apartment, the RCMP said yesterday.

James Ward Erickson, who lived in the building on 105A Avenue, was found just after 9 p.m. on Monday after police received reports of shots being fired.

RCMP Cpl. Dale Carr said officers were "met with some resistance" from people outside the building.

"Four persons were detained for obstructing police and brought to the Surrey RCMP office," Carr said. "All individuals have been spoken to by police and all but one has been released. (He) is not a suspect in this incident, (but) was held on an outstanding warrant of arrest."

Carr said police don't know if the shooting was gang-related.

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Plans for new bridge to be unveiled today

PORT MANN B.C.'s premier and Transportation minister will unveil the design for a new Port Mann bridge today and officially launch its construction.

The cost of the mega-project will be between \$2 billion and \$3 billion, Premier Gordon Campbell told an economic summit in Vancouver yesterday.

The province had estimated it would cost \$1.5 billion to twin the 45-year-old bridge.

Recent rumours, however, suggest that the five-lane bridge would not be twinned, but would be replaced by a larger single span.

On Jan. 28, Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon said the province would fund a third of the public-private partnership (P3). The construction would create 8,000 jobs and would be completed by 2013.

A \$3 electronic toll will recover the costs of construction.

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Video Calgary Zoo admits human error likely led to deaths of 41 stingrays at



Aerial skiers demonstrate death-defying manoeuvres

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WORLD CUP Rémi Bélanger spent 12 years training in trampoline — a Summer Olympics sport — for the chance to strap on skis and represent Canada at the 2010 Winter Games.

The 21-year-old from Montreal is competing tomorrow in the 2009 Canada Post Grand Prix at Cypress Mountain with the national aerial development team.

"I skied for fun (when I was young), but I wasn't a skier," Bélanger said yesterday, adding it was actually easier to come into the sport with a gymnastics background than a skiing background.

"That's why we (gymnasts) learn the sport fast, because we know how to twist and flip. It might take eight years (for a skier) to get where I am now, and it took me four years."

Bélanger spends his winters competing and his summers training in the gym and on water ramps.

"(Aerials) makes you feel high," he said. "I like to go high and jump, so to do it on skis and go even higher on the trampoline feels amazing."

In a dizzying display of strength, agility and sheer bravery, four members of the aerial team showed off their acrobatic skills on a trampoline at Park Royal yesterday.

When they perform the same death-defying feats on snow, they're jumping three times higher and moving at around 70 kilometres per hour.

This week's World Cup event at Cypress, which runs until Saturday, will be the last opportunity for Canada's mogul, ski cross and aerial teams to train and compete on the course ahead of the 2010 Games.

"I like to go high and jump, so to do it on skis and go even higher on the trampoline feels amazing."

Rémi Bélanger



A member of the Flying Canucks team, which is comprised of aerial skiers and snowboarders, performs at Park Royal Mall in West Vancouver yesterday.

News in brief

ROBBERY Police in Burnaby are looking for a woman who robbed two pedestrians by threatening them with a hypodermic needle. The first victim was held up at a bus stop near Highgate Mall on Jan. 30. When she screamed, the suspect ran away. A second victim

was robbed later that evening.

UNDYING FIRE A fire, believed to have been extinguished in November, at the metro Vancouver landfill has flared up again. Delta Mayor Lois Jackson said the underground fire near Burns Bog could take

up to three weeks to put it out. In 2000, it took firefighters three months to extinguish a fire at the same landfill.

HATE CRIME? The RCMP is investigating an altercation between UBC students that might have been a hate crime.

Students from a Jewish fraternity were accused of tearing down pro-Palestinian posters from the door of another student. When the altercation turned violent, police were called. No arrests have been made.

Limo driver says he warned Dziekanski

Testimony at inquiry comes out saying Polish immigrant was confused, distraught

A limousine driver at Vancouver's airport said he warned Polish immigrant Robert Dziekanski that he might be Tasered if he kept making a scene, an inquiry into

Dziekanski's death heard yesterday.

Testifying at the Braidwood inquiry, limo driver Lorne Meltzer said Dziekanski was distraught and tired when

Meltzer confronted him at the airport, CBC News Online reported.

Dziekanski, 40, died Oct. 14, 2007, after he was Tasered five times by RCMP at Vancouver Inter-

national Airport. The incident was captured on video and made headlines around the world.

Dziekanski was holding a chair and blocking the door to the international

reception lounge and was confused when Meltzer asked him to move out of the way.

Meltzer then told Dziekanski that police would Taser him if he con-

tinued to make a scene. He told the inquiry that he could not understand what the Polish man was saying other than "police" and "help."

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Olympians to mark one-year countdown

VANCOUVER
2010 Games

WINTER Vancouverites can expect to see really fit people walking around the city over the next two weeks as hundreds of Olympic athletes converge here for competitions to mark the one-year countdown to the 2010 Winter Games.

The arrival of the athletes, many of whom will be back in 12 months chasing their golden dreams, is providing a welcome respite from the doom and gloom of a global economic crisis threatening the Games budget.

Parties It has been a particularly harsh winter for VANOC, trimming costs in an effort to reign in an operating budget that last week rose by \$127 million to \$1.75 billion.

VANOC and taxpayers are also bracing themselves for another bill this week when the Olympic security budget is expected to be announced.

The original security costs for the Games were set at \$175 million, but chief superintendent Bud Mercer recently suggested the budget would be closer to \$1 billion.

"We are in the paper every day, either good or bad, but it (the Olympics) is definitely on the minds of people," said Tim Gayda, VANOC vice-president of sports.

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Police seek two in murder case

INVESTIGATION Police on Vancouver Island have released the descriptions of a man and a woman wanted in connection with the murder of a Victoria-area real estate agent last year.

Lindsay Buziak, 24, was found stabbed to death in a home she was scheduled to show a client.

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News in brief

RESCUE A garbage truck driver who was pinned between his truck and a large metal dumpster near Stadium SkyTrain station was rescued by transit police, who saw the man while on foot patrol. The 59-year-old victim was taken to hospital where he is expected to recover.

LAWUIT A Vancouver Island First Nation is suing the province, claiming nearby salmon farms are spreading disease to wild salmon stocks. The group says it has a constitutionally protected right to fish for wild salmon in the region.

POLICE Abbotsford police are keeping closer tabs on the notorious Bacon brothers in a new strategy to reduce the chance of public shootings, cknw.com reports. Police Chief Bob Rich said officers will be following the men around in marked police cars.

ARRESTS Two men and a young offender have been arrested after a woman was shot and injured in a Maple Ridge home.

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Making a life on the water

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Seminars

- Dave Mercer is hosting fishing seminars at the Vancouver International Boat Show on Friday and Saturday, vancouverboatshow.ca.

SHOW Dave Mercer's high school counsellors used to laugh in his face when he told them he wanted to fish for a living.

Mercer, 34, host of the television program Facts of Fishing, said he was hooked from the first time he went fishing with his father at age three.

"Everybody has something that they're just

meant to do," said Mercer, who left school determined to make his living as a sport fisherman.

He travelled across North America, competing in fishing tournaments and 12 years ago began shooting

one-minute fishing tips for a local television station in Barrie, Ont.

Mercer is now in the second season of Facts of Fishing, a half-hour show broadcast on The Score and the World Fishing Network.

"I'm on the water 250 days a year and people ask me if it is still fun," he said. "It never stops being fun."

"I think it is more challenging than any other sport out there. It's like golf, only you can't see the hole, and the hole is always moving."



Fishing guru Dave Mercer talks tips and techniques at this week-end's Vancouver International Boat Show.

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Ontario's child advocate has recommended the OPP ban the use of stun guns on minors unless someone's life is in danger. The call comes after a 15-year-old was shocked by officers last summer. The teen was later convicted of assaulting a police officer during the incident. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada



Melnyk fined \$1,000,001

Biovail founder Eugene Melnyk, left, has agreed to pay a \$1-million fine in a case brought by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission over the Canadian drugmaker's accounting practices, according to court documents. Biovail agreed last March to pay \$10 million to settle a probe into fraudulent accounting. Melnyk was ordered Monday to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000,001 within 10 days.

REUTERS

Conservative budget passes

Ignatieff's Liberals support bill, but N.L. MPs break ranks with party

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's prescription for lifting Canada out of recession — a \$40-billion stimulus package — has passed a key political test, prolonging the life of his minority government and sending federal coffers deep into deficit.

The budget passed last night in a 211-91 vote, thanks to the grudging support of the Liberals who backed the Conservatives against the opposition of New Democrats and the Bloc Québécois.

Double standard?

• Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe last night accused Ignatieff of a "double standard," noting that Quebec has voiced similar complaints about federal funding cuts yet no Quebec Liberal opposed the budget.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff was reluctant to force an election in the face of economic downturn. Instead, he has warned that the Conservatives are on "probation" and is demanding regular progress reports on the status of the stimulus package as a condition of his continuing support.

But six Liberal MPs from Newfoundland and Labrador broke ranks with their party and opposed the budget, charging that it shortchanges their province by more than \$1 billion.

Their mini-revolt posed the first test to Ignatieff's fledgling leadership. However before the vote, Ignatieff struck a compromise, saying he would permit the MPs a "one-time" show of protest after four of them vowed to oppose it anyway.

"I decided to permit them in the budget vote ... a one-time vote of protest to signal their displeasure and my displeasure at these unilateral actions which in my view weaken our federation," Ignatieff said, ruling out disciplinary measures against the MPs.

"This is not about Michael Ignatieff and it's not about the Liberal caucus," he said when asked what his decision reveals about his leadership style. Ignatieff said he twice asked Harper to "pause" the changes to provincial funding to give time to resolve Newfoundland's complaints. "He said no," Ignatieff said.

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MP Tony Clement

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MacKay's 'clumsy' campaign for NATO secretary general post

POLITICS It doesn't take much to raise eyebrows in the world of transatlantic diplomacy, as Peter MacKay, the telegenic defence minister, is finding out.

His chance of becoming the next head of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has been described as a long shot; he would be the first Canadian to hold the post of secretary general in the alliance.

But sources close to the deliberations have another word to describe the young Tory's campaign: Clumsy.

"There are some elements that are a little bit strange. He's lobbying for it, but he keeps it to himself for the time being,"

one western diplomatic source told Torstar News Service.

"MacKay is trying to have quite intensive consultations with a number of his counterparts. Apparently, he has tried to meet our minister of defence recently ... He wanted to meet him without giving a particular reason."

The Nova Scotia MP's campaign is expected to continue this weekend at a major security conference in Munich, Germany, that will be attended by numerous heads of state, U.S. Defence Secretary Robert Gates and Vice-President Joe Biden.

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CFB Trenton Repatriation



Family members place flowers on the casket of Sapper Sean Greenfield yesterday at Canadian Forces Base Trenton, Ont. Arriving home today, Greenfield, from 2 Combat Engineer Regiment based at CFB Petawawa, Ont., was killed in Afghanistan when his armoured vehicle struck a roadside bomb.

Obama hopes to avoid trade war

STIMULUS U.S. President Barack Obama has signalled a possible truce in a looming trade war with Canada and other nations, warning that Washington's economic stimulus package must not contain protectionist language.

"I agree that we can't send a protectionist message," Obama said in an interview with Fox News yesterday.

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News in brief

UN Canada should strengthen its domestic violence laws and stop religious discrimination against Muslims, a UN body heard yesterday. Germany, Russia and China are among the other countries facing a review this month, under a process that is meant to ensure all UN members are held to account for their rights records.

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World



Fish and chip freebie?

A London restaurant is doing away with bills for the next month, asking customers to pay only what they want for meals in an unorthodox bid to beat the credit crunch. The Little Bay restaurant in central London will leave it up to customers to decide what the meal was worth. Owner Peter Ilic says he'd be happy to receive "anything between a penny and 50 pounds (\$89)." **REUTERS**

China vows no row over shoe throw

CHINA China protested to Britain yesterday over a demonstrator who threw a shoe at Prime Minister Wen Jiabao at Britain's Cambridge University, but said ties would not be strained.

British police said the protester, who denounced Wen as a dictator during Monday's incident, has been charged with a public order offence. The shoe missed Wen by a metre.

"The facts demonstrate that the despicable conduct of this troublemaker will win no sympathy, and will not hold back the tide of friendly co-operation between China and Britain," China's Foreign Ministry said in a statement. **REUTERS**

Colombia Seven years' captivity



Politician Alan Jara waves as his son Felipe and wife Claudia flank him at Villavicencio airport. A Red Cross team flew by helicopter to Colombia's jungles yesterday to retrieve Jara, who was held hostage for seven years by FARC rebels. **JOSE MIGUEL GOMEZ / REUTERS**

Life support to be cut

Father defies Vatican in daughter's right-to-die case

The father of an Italian woman who has been in a coma for 17 years defied the Vatican and Italy's centre-right government yesterday, moving her to a private clinic where a feeding tube keeping her alive will be removed.

Eluana Englaro, 38, has been in a vegetative state since a 1992 car crash. Italy's top court ruled last year that she can be allowed to die but the decision was contested by

politicians and prelates and split public opinion in the mainly Catholic country.

The government says that removing the feeding tube amounts to euthanasia, which is illegal in Italy, while the Vatican says withdrawing food and water amounts to "deliberately killing her."

Eluana's father, Beppino Englaro, has battled his

way through Italy's courts for more than 10 years to allow his daughter to die.

Last November, the country's top court ruled in his favour, rejecting an appeal against a previous ruling by a lower tribunal in Milan which — for the first time in Italy — had allowed him to disconnect the feeding tube. **REUTERS**



Eluana Englaro

News in brief

GERMANY Catholics, politicians and newspaper commentators are criticizing Germany-born Pope Benedict for his rehabilitation of a bishop who denies the Holocaust.

AUSTRIA A 38-year-old Austrian woman has begun a 500-day jail sentence for ignoring parking tickets and failing to pay a cumulative fine of around 24,000 euros (\$38,517).

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Phone plan targets rebels

Indian authorities are distributing free mobile phones to villagers to provide information about Maoist rebels, officials said. **REUTERS**

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Britain digs out

An icy night and forecasts of more heavy snow disrupted airports and schools across Britain for a second day yesterday with hundreds of flights delayed or cancelled.

Millions of Britons returned to work in south-east of England as transport systems stalled by Monday's blizzards slowly returned to operation, but tens of thousands of children were given another day off because schools across the country remained closed.

"I can't believe it. I love snow," said 6-year-old Benedict Shorthose, gripped by the excitement of a prospect of a second

"I can't believe it. I love snow."

Benedict Shorthose, 6

day of snowball fights in London.

But businesses angry at the failing infrastructure were counting the cost of Monday's snow — the heaviest in southern England since 1991.

Experts estimated about 6.4 million people did not get to work on Monday and warned another day of disruption could mean a total cost to a recession-hit economy of 1.2 billion pounds (\$2.13 billion). Stung by criticism after the

capital's buses and underground trains came almost to a standstill on Monday, Transport for London issued reports early yesterday of "good level of service across the vast majority of the Tube and bus network."

Heathrow and Britain's other airports were open but airport operator BAA said many flights would be delayed or cancelled.

An extreme weather warning was issued to motorists to beware of icy roads and drifting or heavy snow. There was also a risk of snowfalls and severe weather affecting many parts of Scotland.

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Iraq captures bomber trainer

ATTACKS Iraqi forces said yesterday they had captured a woman, Samira Ahmed Jassim, who trained more than 28 female suicide bombers who carried out attacks across Iraq.

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News in brief

HEALTH Increased levels of a hormone produced during pregnancy may help to identify women who have an increased risk for suffering from depression after the birth, according to a new study. Scientists said they found evidence linking the hormone to depressive symptoms.

FRANCE A public body was fined yesterday for selecting families according to their ethnic origin when allocating social housing in Saint-Etienne. French human rights activists frequently allege that people from ethnic minorities face discrimination in the housing market.

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Stimulus lacks investment where most women work

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As the dust settles after the much-anticipated delivery of budget 2009, one troubling feature is emerging: Despite the fact that women constitute 47.4 per cent — almost half — of the national workforce, the vast majority of the billions of stimulus dollars targeted for job creation favours men. And the margin is huge — whether in housing, construction, forestry, autos or manufacturing.

But it's not just women who should be concerned: By failing to address the worst economic crisis in decades within a fair and equitable framework, the budget illustrates a serious lack of forward-thinking at a time when we need to restructure the Canadian

economy around industries based on innovative technological advances and our vibrant service sectors — major employers of women.

Budget 2009 has been called everything from "historic" to "inadequate" to "excessive" to "the end of conservatism." It is none of these things. It is vintage Stephen Harper: A mish-mash of mainly short-term job creation and credit-easing initiatives aimed at holding onto power and responding to the most basic expectations of frustrated Canadians who most certainly did not want an election or a repetition of the pre-Christmas hysterics.

To the extent the budget even considers the future, it does so through a rearview mirror: Short-

sightedly subsidizing — rather than transforming — declining sectors like the auto industry; failing to adequately adapt Employment Insurance and other social security provisions to the current challenging environment; and concentrating the stimulus spending primarily on physical infrastructure, however important.

Yet our social infrastructure — underpinning our all-important service sector where the vast majority of women (and Canadians) work — requires just as much attention as our decaying physical infrastructure. At a minimum, significant new long-term public investment is required in scientific innovation

and basic research, in education at all levels, in child care, geriatric care, community and social services. This will go far to support our most important national asset — our human capital — and ensure that we pull out of this crisis with a greener, more sustainable economy, and an educated, more productive workforce employed in 21st-century industries. Moreover, investing in women is smart economics according to participants at the recent World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, from Nike's chief executive, to the head of UNICEF, to Melinda Gates. This holds true as much for developed countries like Canada as it does for developing countries.

Let us hope the women of Canada, who represent not only half the workforce but also half of the electorate, remember the inadequacies of this budget and this government, at the next election.

Deborah Coyne is a public policy consultant who blogs at canadianswithoutborders.blogspot.com. She also ran as a Liberal candidate in the 2006 federal election.



Word on the street: What gets you through winter?

Barb Higgs

Age 41, Vancouver

A: I get through it one day at a time knowing summer is around the corner.

Ryan Krishnan

Age 19, Vancouver

A: Work. Keep busy and don't think about it. I like to ice skate and plan out a vacation for the summer.

Sun-ae Oh

Age 28, Vancouver

A: I go snowboarding on Grouse Mountain or Whistler, or catch a movie. There's not much to do in the city in the winter.

Abel Grrma

Age 26, Toronto

A: Waiting for a bus is the hardest thing. It takes so long to get to a station.

Vanessa Turner

Age 20, Halifax

A: Tomato soup and Chapstick. Good movies, too — to get away from school.

Nebojsa Novakovic

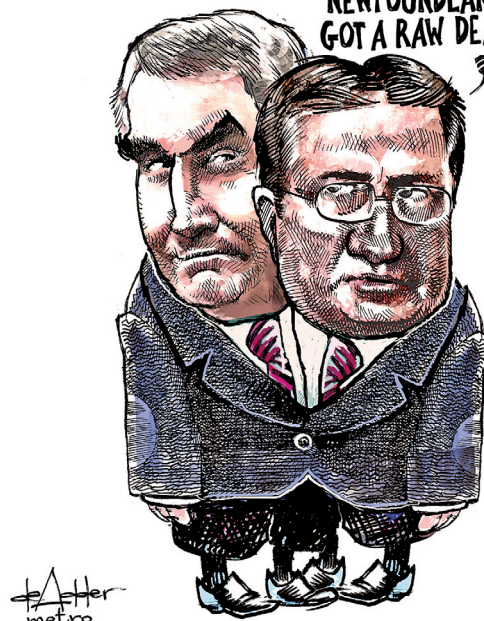
Age 27, Calgary

A: I'm from Winnipeg, so I got used to the cold ... People complain about the winter. They can move south if it's too cold here.



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NEWFOUNDLAND GOT A RAW DEAL.



Worth mentioning

Study shows offspring can inherit mother's experience

Mothers can pass along their experiences to their children without even trying, reported a study that showed baby mice could inherit the benefits of "education" their mothers received before becoming pregnant.

The study showed inheritance can go beyond classic genetic theories. Researchers found young mice raised in an enriched environment — with toys and other stimulation — passed the learning benefits to pups they had after they grew up. The

stimulated mothers did not simply have better parenting skills, as pups swapped at birth still learned better if their biological mothers — but not foster parents — were raised with extra toys.

"This is a protective mechanism a mother passes on to her offspring," said Larry Feig, who helped lead the study. "The mother is changed for months. Her brain is changed so that when she is old enough to get pregnant, the effect is still there." **REUTERS**

Quote of the Day

"This shocking revelation ... provides compelling proof that social networking sites remain rife with sexual predators."

— Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal after MySpace revealed it had barred 90,000 registered sex offenders from using the social networking site over two years. **REUTERS**

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Lions open up in Saskatchewan

CFL The B.C. Lions will open their 2009 CFL schedule July 3 against the Roughriders. The CFL season will kick off two days earlier on Canada Day, with a Grey Cup rematch between the Alts and Stamps, and Toronto visiting Hamilton. The Lions play their first home game July 10 against Hamilton.

Tillman charged with sex assault

CFL Saskatchewan Roughriders general manager Eric Tillman has been put on leave while he faces a charge of sexual assault. Saskatchewan police say their charge against Tillman stems from an alleged encounter with a 16-year-old girl last summer in Regina. Tillman, 51, was arrested Jan. 27. Tillman had previously served as GM of the B.C. Lions and Toronto Argonauts. He also worked as a television analyst with TSN and Rogers Sportsnet.



Tillman

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THE SKINNY: Alex Burrows' shorthanded goal with 1:22 left in regulation lifted the Canucks to their first win in nine games and snapped a nine-game losing streak at home. The line of Ryan Kesler, Mats Sundin and Pavol Demitra combined for two goals and seven points in the victory, while Kevin Bieksa had the other Vancouver tally.

THE BREAKTHROUGH?:

Sundin played his best game in a Canucks uniform. He drew an assist on the opening goal, scored on a wraparound after a hard-working shift, and was out for all important faceoffs in

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the final minute. He was named first star for his efforts.

THE REACTION: Burrows' goal produced the type of pandemonium normally reserved for playoff wins. While fans celebrated wildly in the stands, Burrows attempted to break his stick over his knee, perhaps symbolizing the snapping of a pair of sorry streaks.

THE REBOUND: Willie Mitchell made like Dennis Rodman with thirty seconds to go,



Phelps pot charge possible

U.S. Olympic swimming hero Michael Phelps could face criminal charges as part of the fallout from a November photograph showing him smoking from a marijuana pipe at a University of South Carolina house party. A spokesman for Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott, known for his tough stance on drugs, said yesterday the department was investigating. Phelps apologized for his actions Monday.

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Vancouver Canuck Mattias Ohlund knocks Carolina Hurricane Justin Williams into the Canucks bench during second period action in Vancouver Tuesday. The Canucks won 4-3.

boxing out sniper Eric Staal on the Canucks' doorstep with the puck loose in the crease.

plenty of drama and a vibrant crowd made for an exciting evening. 4 out of 5 stars.

Canucks host the Chicago Blackhawks on Saturday night at GM Place as Vancouver's four-game homestand comes to an end.

THE RATING: A good start,

THE NEXT GAME: The

Looks like deck stacked against Cards next year

Only a remarkable touchdown catch with 35 seconds remaining prevented them from winning the Super Bowl Sunday, but the Arizona Cardinals still haven't impressed the oddsmakers. In fact, 17 NFL teams are being favoured ahead of the Cards for next season's championship.

The 2010 Super Bowl odds, released yesterday, list the Cards as 30-to-1 long shots. The New England Patriots, at 8-to-1, are favoured to prevail, followed by the Dallas Cowboys, at 9-to-1. Then come the new champions, the Pittsburgh Steelers, and their Super Bowl-winning predecessors, the New

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York Giants — both at 10-to-1.

They're followed by the Indianapolis Colts and San Diego Chargers (12-to-1), Baltimore Ravens (14-to-1), Tennessee Titans (16-to-1), Carolina Panthers and Philadelphia Eagles (18-to-1), New Orleans Saints (20-to-1), and the Atlanta Falcons, Green Bay Packers, Minnesota Vikings, Denver Broncos, Jacksonville Jaguars and New York Jets (all at 25-to-1).

• The Cards may command more respect if the oddsmakers were sure 37-year-old quarterback **Kurt Warner** would re-sign with them. He's a free agent, hemming and hawing about returning to Arizona, but wife **Brenda Warner** has publicly encouraged him to retire to devote himself to their seven children and strong Christian faith ... NBC showed Brenda four times during Sunday's broadcast, incidentally, so you won the prop bet if you wagered on over the 3.5 ... **Santonio Holmes**, who made the aforementioned TD catch (in triple coverage) for the Steelers' last-minute triumph and was chosen the game's MVP, received a new Cadillac, al-

though financially troubled General Motors asked the NFL to refrain from publicizing the gift ... Holmes needs to brush up on his football lore. Twice, he referred to the Super Bowl trophy, named after legendary NFL coach **Vince Lombardi**, as the "Dicky Lombardi" trophy.

• We reported here in December that **Eric Lindros**' days as ombudsman of the NHLPA were numbered because of complaints about his behaviour and his work (or lack of same) — and, yesterday, the players' association officially announced his departure as "a resignation" ... there's trouble, too, in Vancouver — in-fighting, finger-pointing, second-guessing (like, why sign

Mats Sundin for zillions?) — and don't be surprised if Canucks coach **Alain Vigneault** soon becomes the fall guy, just as **Craig Hartsburg** was when fired by Ottawa Monday ... puzzling me equally these days: **Bryan Murray** staying on as Senators general manager while good hockey men (**John Muckler**, **John Paddock**, **Hartsburg**) are turned into scapegoats, **Craig MacTavish** sticking around as coach of the underachieving Edmonton Oilers, and the Toronto Argonauts hiring a bunch of new coaches with virtually no CFL experience.

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Workplace blues?

Employers like open offices, but employees don't — and shouldn't: Study

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Open-plan offices may save the company money and foster better communication, but they are making workers sick, stressed and under-productive, Australian scientists have found.

Dr. Vinesh Oommen from the Queensland University of Technology's Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation began studying the health effects of workplace setups as employers embraced "novel" concepts. Bosses are happy with the open areas, as staff can quickly move in and start work. They also save 20 per cent in construction costs, compared to a traditional, closed office.

"But no one is looking into the evidence to see if employees are satis-

fied with an open-plan work environment," he said. The study, published in the Asia Pacific Journal of Health Management, found the open-office environment leads to higher stress and lower productivity. Employees also get sick more, as flu and cold bugs fly around the air



"We should develop facilities in the future based on what employees want, and it should not be based on building costs."

Dr. Vinesh Oommen

unimpeded by walls. Listening to your neighbour's Baby's Got Back ringtone for 20 minutes while they're on lunch also ratchets up bad feelings, making for unhappy staff who are likely to drive up the turnover rate, the study found.

Open-plan offices lead to a high level of noise, loss of concentration, low work productivity, issues with privacy, lack of status, feelings of insecurity, job dissatisfaction, higher levels of

stress, physical exhaustion and increased blood pressure levels. And, as anyone who watches the NBC show The Office knows, it makes workplace conflict almost inevitable.

In 90 per cent of the research Oommen's team looked at, staff who worked in open-plan offices saw them in a negative light.

The positive aspects of open-plan offices, such as better communication, collaboration and increased accommodation for different employees, are greatly outweighed by the downsides.

"Based on this evidence, we urge all managers across the world to reconsider the use of an open-plan work environment," Oommen concluded. "We should develop facilities in the future based on what employees want, and it should not be based on building costs."

Sick on the job?

- More than four out of 10 (45 per cent) professionals recently surveyed admitted they very frequently go to work when they feel sick. However, only 17 per cent of managers polled believe the practice is this common. The two surveys were developed by OfficeTeam and conducted by an independent research firm.

- OfficeTeam notes that some managers may not realize the adverse effects of this practice on productivity, and offers them the following tips:

- Communicate expectations. Let staff know that you prefer they stay home when they're sick to ensure a quicker recovery.
- Set an example. Employees are more likely to stay home when they're sick if you do the same.
- Give options. Allow employees to work from home if they think they're coming down with a cold or the flu.

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MODERATION IS A VIRTUE ONLY IN THOSE WHO ARE THOUGHT TO HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE.

—HENRY KISSINGER

Except in extraordinary cases, employees facing slashed salaries, abusive

bosses, demotions or material changes to their jobs used to be without a legal remedy. The reality for most was to either leave, or lose, their job. But employers no longer get to act with legal impunity. Now, equipped with the knowledge that they can sue for constructive dismissal damages, employees subjected to workplace changes turn to the courts: **WORKPLACE ABUSE:** Where an employee can show that he or she was treated with incivility, unfairness or disrespect or that management's conduct was de-

signed to cause the employee to leave, he or she may be able to resign and sue for wrongful dismissal damages as if she had simply been dismissed. But not any form of perceived mistreatment will suffice: The conduct complained of must be such that no reasonable employee would be expected to tolerate it.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES: Since 1997, when the Supreme Court decided that Royal Trust couldn't unilaterally amend David Farber's compensation, employees protesting material changes to their jobs have met with success in the courts. In that case, the Court confirmed that management could not simply make prominent compensation-based changes without the employee's consent and that by doing so without advanced notice, Royal Trust had actually dismissed Farber. Since then, demotions or changes in status, discrimination, re-assigned work duties, transferring the place of work or virtually any other



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significant change including a temporary layoff has led to findings of constructive dismissal. Unfortunately, however, whether a change is deemed significant may be a function of the judge you happen to draw more than the impact of the actual change itself.

INVOLUNTARY RESIGNATIONS: Just because an employee left the workplace or uttered the words "I quit" doesn't automatically disqualify her from sever-

ance. The question the judge will ask is whether or not she voluntarily resigned or was she forced to leave. As well, employers who too quickly snatch up a resignation without first ensuring the employee actually intended to leave, risk being deemed to have fired the employee instead. Employees who consider leaving should be asked to take their time and confirm their intentions in writing.

Despite the broad spectrum of management behaviour that may be tantamount to dismissal, employees should not suddenly begin to line up outside my office doors, as the Supreme Court recently reminded us in the Evans case, employees have an obligation to work through changes to their jobs unless they are simply unable to persevere. There are other landmines: If an employer can simply terminate an employee by extending appropriate notice, then nothing should prevent it from being able to impose serious changes, provided the same amount of notice is given, employment contracts may anticipate substantial changes, the employee may have mistakenly condoned the changes, or the working conditions may be such that it would be unreasonable to expect him to leave.

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Metro Drive

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The puppy's here

Auto dealers and media experts have joined forces to launch a new used-car website, autohound.ca. The site focuses exclusively on pre-owned vehicle buyers, and includes video tours and pictures of vehicles, easier search tools, warranty information and condition reports.

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Aveo5 economical choice

Frugal Chevy hatchback doesn't skimp out on style

JIM KERR
for Metro Canada

The 2009 Chevy Aveo5.

The 2009 Aveo (sedan) and Aveo5 (five-door hatchback) have a new exterior design, with swoopy body lines cutting across the body. I prefer the hatchback with its squared off back end and larger cargo space. Compact outside, with only a 3,938 mm overall length, there is good room inside for four large adults and cargo. The 60/40 split rear seat folds and tumbles forward to provide 1190 litres of cargo room, which is practical and useful.

Outside, the new front end shows the Chevy family resemblance similar to the new Malibu, with a smaller grille above the bumper and a large air intake below the bumper. Large lights front and rear stand out on the Aveo5 and the front fog lights add a sporty touch. The small grilles on the front fenders just in front of the doors look like an afterthought but seem to be the "in thing" with many new vehicles.

Inside, the two-tone cloth seats look nice and fit me well. The same cloth is used as inserts on the door panels and it is a nice touch in a price range where you



would expect all plastic.

The interior styling is new, with bright trim on the doors, dash and steering wheel that complement each other.

The round gauges are large and easy to read, and our car came with air conditioning and an optional automatic transmission. A five-speed manual gearbox is standard equipment. Above the driver's door, there is a spring-loaded case for handy access to those sunglasses.

The Aveo5 is available in LS and LT trim. We tested

the upper LT trim level. The corporate GM radio fits nicely into the dash and our car had optional XM satellite radio as well as GM's OnStar (standard on LT models). Other new features include variable intermittent wipers and oil life monitoring system, so you can save some maintenance money by getting oil changes only when needed.

The seating position is good for even a tall driver and visibility is good in all directions. The car's small size makes it easy to slip

into tight parking spots. The steering is light and responsive and the low 1,160 kg weight of the car helps with the handling. Fifteen-inch tires are optional, as are alloy wheels, but our car came with 14-inch tires and steel wheels with hubcaps to keep costs down.

The security package adds \$960 to the price but it is worth it as it includes ABS brakes and seat-mounted side impact air bags.

An all new 1.6 litre Ecotec four cylinder engine powers

the '09 Aveo models. With variable valve timing, the engine puts out 105 horsepower. This number isn't large, but it moves the Aveo5 smartly away from a stop or when passing on the highway.

You don't need as much horsepower if you can keep the weight down. Fuel economy is also excellent, with up to a 10 per cent improvement from last year's model. It is now rated at 5.8 L/100 km on the highway. My experience with the car is that it will save a lot on fuel around town too.



Inside, the Aveo5 sports new styling, with bright trim on the doors, dash and steering wheel that complement each other.

2009 Chevrolet Aveo5

Type: Compact hatchback**Price:** from \$13,770**Engine:** 1.6 litre DOHC I-4**HP:** 106 at 6400 rpm**Torque:** 105 lb.ft. at 3600 rpm

Highlights

- Good value for money
- Improved fuel economy
- Compact but roomy design

You can dress the Aveo5 up with options such as rear spoiler or sunroof, or you can stay with the base model for minimum cost. The base MSRP for the Aveo5 is \$13,770. That makes for very economical transportation and it has a three-year warranty, so you can say goodbye to costly repairs.

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

Read at metronews.ca

Porsche to launch new 911 GT3

DEBUT Porsche is gearing up for the launch of its "most powerful, fastest and most refined 911 GT3 ever" at the Geneva Motor Show next month.

The 2010 911 GT3 has an increased engine capacity to 3.8 litres and the naturally-aspirated six-cylinder power unit develops 435 bhp, up 20 bhp over its predecessor.

The boxer engine also offers a significant increase in torque at medium engine speeds, which is particularly significant in everyday motoring.

Performance is

accordingly improved; the new GT3 accelerates to 100 km/h in 4.1 seconds and reaches 160 km/h in just 8.2 seconds. Top track speed is 312 km/h.

The car's driving dynamics are also significantly improved; the new GT3 offers even better grip and stability.

Porsche Active Suspension Management (PASM) has enabled Porsche's engineers to make the springs and anti-roll bars stiffer, thus ensuring even more precise handling in sport mode, while retaining appropriate

roll comfort suitable for everyday use in normal mode.

The 2010 Porsche 911 GT3 goes on sale in Canadian dealerships in October. Pricing starts at \$138,100.

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Honda's green sports concept

FUEL CELL The Honda FC Sport design study model, a hydrogen-powered, three-seat sports car concept, will make its Canadian debut on Feb. 11 to members of the press at the press preview of the 2009 Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto which opens to the public on Friday, Feb. 13.

The FC Sport emphasizes the design flexibility and potential of Honda's V Flow fuel cell technology — already deployed in the Honda FCX Clarity sedan — and reconfigures it into a lightweight sports car design with an ultra-low center of gravity, powerful electric motor performance and zero-emissions. The design study concept is inspired by supercar lev-

"The Honda FC Sport explores new ways to satisfy automotive performance enthusiasts in a world beyond petroleum."

Honda's Jerry Chenkin

els of performance through low weight and a high-performance, electrically driven fuel cell powertrain.

"The Honda FC Sport explores new ways to satisfy automotive performance enthusiasts in a world beyond petroleum," said Jerry Chenkin, executive vice president of Honda Canada Inc.

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Ready to take off

Dream of flying cars?
They may soon come true

EMMA E FORREST
Metro World News



For years inventors have been looking for a way to get cars in the air.

Recently, the Parajet Skycar made its maiden voyage from London to Tim-

buktu, and its inventors are claiming that it's the first flying car to take to the road — and the air.

Hailed as the first two-seater, high-performance, road legal, bio-fuelled flying car, the Skycar is really an off-road buggy with a



The Parajet Skycar can achieve speeds up to 180 km/h.



The Terrafugia Transition fills up with gas. Once loaded, it can fly at a height of 1,700 feet.

“wing” that turns it into a glider. Still, apparently it can reach 0-100kph in 4.5 seconds, and in “fly mode” gets up to 110km/h at an altitude of 3,000 feet, so it will be indispensable for hopping over the Sahara. This is only a prototype but you can still buy a slice of the future from Parajet — they also sell personal jet packs. (parajet.com)

Really what you want a flying car to be is a roadworthy contraption that unfurls like a Transformer to

become an aircraft that takes off from tiny local airports. Moller International has been trying to get their skycar off the ground for years (moller.com). They're still testing their 8-engine “vertical takeoff and landing vehicle” (VTOL), the M400, which looks like a folding light aircraft.

Moller claims the car can take off from just 10 metres squared and cover more than 1,200 km. Still at prototype stage, they hope to launch later this year.

Up to speed

- **Parajet Skycar**
180 km/h, 15,000 ft
- **Moller M400**
579 km/h, 36,000 ft
- **Terrafugia**
185 km/h, 1,700 ft
- **Pal-V**
180 km/h, 4,000 ft

The three-wheel Pal-V — personal air and land vehicle — is a cross between a motorbike, gyrocopter and

car (pal-v.com), set to launch in 2011.

Meanwhile, the wings of the two-seater Terrafugia Transition Roadable Aircraft take just 30 seconds to fold up, allowing it to be driven like a car. You'll need a Sport Pilot licence as well as your driver's licence for this drivable plane.

It's still being tested but expect to pay \$194,000 US to be one of the first to take delivery in 2010. (terrafugia.com)

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Happy 500th

This year is the 500th anniversary of Henry VIII's accession to the throne and Windsor Castle — where the king and his third and favourite wife, Jane Seymour, are buried — will mark the anniversary with a special exhibit in April. It will include works by the king's painter, Hans Holbein the Younger; and other paintings, miniatures, prints and books from the Royal Collection and the archives of St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle; see royalcollection.org.uk. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Romance done right

While Paris is undoubtedly magical, you can help Cupid out with a bit of planning

EMMA E. FORREST
Metro World News

It's no secret that Paris is one of the planet's most romantic spots. But while the city's magical ambience can work wonders, it never hurts to give romance a helping hand. Here are suggestions for planning your perfect getaway à deux:

Designer in Beaubourg

Right in the heart of the city, Beaubourg is the area around the famous Pompidou cultural centre. It's strolling distance from the major sights along the Rue de Rivoli; the romantic alleys of the Marais area with its boutiques and trendy, cosy cafés; the fabulous restaurants of the Étienne Marcel area; and the mainstream stores at Les Halles and the majestic department stores Printemps and Galeries Lafayette on the Grand Boulevards.

Where to stay: A Great Apartment in Paris, a unique studio apartment lovingly furnished with designer lamps, organic bed-

linen, handcrafted tiles, flatscreen TV and beautiful window box gives you a tasted of Parisian life. From about \$125 per night; visit great-apartment-paris.com

Romantic dinner: Restaurant Georges, the utterly chic restaurant on the top floor of the Centre Pompidou, with fabulous views over the city from the terrace; centrepompidou.fr.

Where to propose: The sumptuous Philippe Starck-designed Cristal Rooms restaurant at the "hotel particulier" dedicated to prestigious crystalware manufacturers, Baccarat; baccarat.com.

Absolute classic Paris

For the ultimate wow factor, spend a weekend at the Hotel de Crillon at Place de la Concorde, the huge square flanked by four key sights — the Seine to the south, the Champs Élysées to the west, the romantic Jardin des Tuileries on its east side and the grand opera house a block north.

Go shopping in the high-fashion boutiques along



Above left, a reflection of the Louis XV room at the Hotel de Crillon. Right, the Cristal Rooms are a perfect spot to propose.

Valentine's Day

rue St. Honoré and hip designer department store Colette. Stroll through the Tuileries to an exhibition at the Louvre and pause for a coffee in the formal gardens of the intimate Jardins du Palais Royal. Reward yourself with mouth watering Ladurée macarons from their shop on Place de la Madeleine; laduree.fr.

Where to stay: Treat your lover like royalty with a stay at the luxurious Hotel de Crillon, the most majestic hotel in the city, overlooking the breathtaking Place de la Concorde, with views over the city to the

river and the Eiffel Tower. From about \$1,220; crillon.com.

Romantic dinner: If you've splashed out for the Crillon, go the whole way and stay for the memorable dinner experience at Les Ambassadeurs, the hotel's two-Michelin-starred restaurant. Despite being so posh they even give you a stool for your handbag, there's a friendly atmosphere to match the sophisticated but imaginative dishes, served in various playful ways. From about \$475 per person.

Where to propose: Pont Alexandre III, one of the most ornate bridges over the Seine.

Arty in Montmartre

The artists and musicians who live in Montmartre rarely leave this so-called village. No surprise when you consider what's on offer here. Meander through the alleyways and climb up to the Sacre Coeur church at the Butte de Monmartre and take in amazing views across the city's rooftops.

Paris views don't get much more romantic than this. If you're feeling racy, you can visit the Musée de l'Erotique or catch one of the erotic cabarets in the evening at Moulin Rouge or further away at the Crazy Horse — Dita Von Teese is guest starring this month.

Where to stay: Hotel Amour is a hip establish-

ment set up by trendy graffiti artist André, and each room has been customized by a different cool young artist. A charming bistro on the ground floor has an outside courtyard complete with billowing bamboos; hotelamour.com.

Romantic dinner: Make like a local and dine at hip Italian restaurant La Pizzetta. The food is delicious and seasonal, its sunny terrace a gem, and its 1960s Italian cinema inspired interior is very cool; lapizzetta.fr.

Place to propose: The pretty courtyard garden of the Musée de la Vie Romantique — a museum dedicated to the romantic era, rather than romance itself; vie-romantique.fr.



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Returning to the ER

George Clooney isn't the only ER alum putting on those scrubs again. Original cast member Anthony Edwards tells Usmagazine.com that Julianna Margulies will likely return as well as the show films its final season. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Entertainment

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Oscar date

Anne Hathaway, nominated for an Academy Award for *Rachel Getting Married*, wants to make the Oscars a family affair. "I'm taking my dad," she said earlier this week. **PEOPLE.COM**

Rom-com reality check

Experts warn movies can create unrealistic expectations

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada

It's the break of dawn and John Cusack, playing a fit teenage hunk wearing a trenchcoat and high tops, holds up a ghetto blaster, and blasts Peter Gabriel's *In Your Eyes* into the air and his crush's bedroom.

This scene from Cameron Crowe's *Say Anything* is so romantic it immediately melted hearts across the continent; but it's also just a touch unrealistic. Any woman who's been waiting since 1989 for her knight in shining armour to come along and pull this stunt, might be waiting a very long time.

But, some experts warn romantic comedies can create unrealistic expectations for relationships.

Kateryna Spiwak, a Toronto-based dating coach, says flicks like this usually end up with the couple living "happily ever after" and suggest that no more work is required to maintain the relationship — that love conquers all.



Actresses Drew Barrymore and Scarlett Johansson star in the new romantic comedy *He's Just Not That Into You*.

"And that a couple in love won't encounter any problems in their relationship," she said.

There's also the suggestion that there's such thing as "the perfect man" — someone who will effortlessly meet all your needs simply by virtue of being with you, she said.

Referencing this Friday's movie release *He's Just Not That Into You*, based on bestselling self-help book

of the same name, Spiwak said it's good for women (and men) to know some of the signs of a bad relationship, but it's also important to remember that every situation is different and not to follow anyone's "rules" too strictly. Just don't fall into the trap of thinking you're going to just find the "perfect" person and not have to work at it, she said.

Researchers at Heriot

Valentine's Day

Watt University in Scotland had similar views on romantic comedies in a recent study that showed how "rom-coms" can spoil real-life relationships.

Echoing Spiwak's thoughts, Dr. Bjorne Holmes, director of research at the school's family and personal relationships lab, said people who watch romantic comedies are mistakenly led to believe that the "right" person will come along and know exactly what you want without having to ask.

Hugh Dancy, romantic male lead of the soon-to-be-released *Confessions of a Shopaholic* agreed that these types of films can create unrealistic expectations about romance.

But he said there have always been unrealistic expectations when it comes to relationships.

"On the other hand," he added. "There's escapism to it and a kind of joy that everybody needs."

Sexy dress gets Voultsos kicked off the Runway

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Montreal designer Margarita Voultsos was the second person sent home from *Project Runway Canada* last night with a dress that was too sexual and not sophisticated enough.

Her stretchy black dress with a high slit over one thigh failed to impress the judges and prompted host Iman to suggest the "ho trend" in fashion is over.

Last night's episode upped the ante as well-loved Canadian actress Elisha Cuthbert stepped in as guest judge.

Designers had to create an evening dress for Cuthbert that would be worthy of any red carpet.

Hamilton designer Jason

Margarita Voultsos, right, and a model wearing the dress that got her eliminated.



Springsteen, Phish to play Bonnaroo festival

Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, Phish, the Beastie Boys, Nine Inch Nails, David Byrne and Snoop Dogg will lead the lineup for the 2009 Bonnaroo festival in Manchester, Tenn.

Bonnaroo, scheduled for June 11-14, will be Springsteen's only North American festival of the year, as well as the only festival on the 2009 itinerary of reunited jam band Phish.

Jonathan Mayers, president of festival co-producer Superfly, said Phish will play on the Bonnaroo main stage on two separate nights: a two-set performance and a late-evening set.

Elvis Costello is billed as playing solo, but may col-

laborate with artists like Allen Toussaint and Rilo Kiley's Jenny Lewis, with whom he has recorded.

Tickets go on sale later this week.

Mayers said he's particularly excited for bands such as Animal Collective, Bon Iver, TV On The Radio and Andrew Bird, as well as African artists such as the legendary King Sunny Ade and Toumani Diabate, the latter of whom is performing with Bela Fleck.

"It's about going out there and checking out different things and hopefully discovering some new stuff," Mayers said.

The Beastie Boys will be playing their only confirmed date of the year so far at Bonnaroo. **REUTERS**



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TV can be a bummer

IntelleVision



Rick McGinnis

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IT'S KIND OF OBVIOUS: You don't need to be a TV critic to know that TV can be a bummer, but a new medical study quoted in a Los Angeles Times science story yesterday suggests that the condition might actually be chronic.

Researchers at Harvard Medical School and the University of Pittsburgh studied over 4,000 adolescents and concluded that each additional daily hour of television increased the odds of becoming depressed by eight per cent, a result not matched by time spent with video games or the computer.

Now, there's a lot wrong with this sort of study that's plain even to the untrained eye, starting with the fact that the subjects were teenagers, who have a lot to be depressed about,

"It could be argued that people with the predilection for later development of depression also happen to have a predilection for watching lots of TV."

Dr. Brian Primack, University of Pittsburgh

especially if you ask them. The study's authors even admitted that the evidence linking TV to depression was, on the whole, largely circumstantial.

"It could be argued that people with the predilection for later development of depression also happen to have a predilection for watching lots of TV," said Dr. Brian Primack of the University of Pittsburgh's Centre for Research on Health Care.

The Times article also noted that the study was conducted over seven years, from 1995 to 2002, which just happens to be precisely when The Drew Carey Show was in production. Draw your own conclusions, but I'm just putting it out there.

In other glaringly obvious news, the U.K.'s Daily Mail tabloid reported that

a new Big Brother-style reality show featuring 20 boys and girls between eight and 12 has attracted controversy, as the kids, who spent two weeks together isolated in six stone cottages in Cornwall without their parents, began bullying and physically threatening each other.

It didn't take long for the boys to descend into violence, with one boy attacking another with a garden rake, and a third pulling a knife. The girls just as quickly began taunting and intimidating each other, the older ones picking on the younger, and an eight-year-old was filmed sobbing and pleading for her parents to take her home.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Chop Shop gets its close up on Slice

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada

I grew up in a neighbourhood where women like my mother had their hair tuned up monthly in beauty parlours that were often in the front rooms of someone's house, and have vivid memories of squirming on the couch reading women's magazines, inhaling fumes from the hair dye and perm chemicals and trying to puzzle out the often tense, loaded dialogue passing between the hairdressers and customers.

The staff and clientele at Vancouver's Chop Shop might sport tattoos and Mohawks, but the atmosphere is familiar enough, at least after viewing a couple of episodes of the eponymous reality TV series debuting tonight on Slice.

Chop Shop co-owner and de facto star of the series Daniel Hudon says that the producers began approaching him over two years ago with the show, and that he'd said no at first, before consenting to a pilot episode that he'd forgotten about until they came back with a series order from Slice.



Chop Shop owner and head stylist Dainel 'Boss Man' Hudon.

"The type of people that we are," Hudon recalls, "I don't have cable and a lot of my staff don't have cable, so when you say 'reality TV show' it can be a dirty, filthy word, right? I just really wanted to make sure that we were representing what we believed in, on a business perspective especially."

Superficially, the show is modeled on "extreme workplace" shows like L.A. Ink or American Chopper, but in a larger sense it's part of an ongoing fascination TV viewers have with the relationships we're forced to

have daily with people who aren't necessarily our family and friends, a trait shared by shows as different as The Office, Ugly Betty and Lost.

The dramas on Chop Shop are small but easy to grasp – the first two episodes of the show deal with the anxiety surrounding a new hiring at the close-knit shop, and the attempts by stylists to get a date for the workaholic Hudon. Director Ziad Touma says that his biggest challenge was getting the staff to trust him and his crew, and to relax around the cameras and microphones.

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	255	358	6	JOY	El News	The Insider	Knight Rider "Fight Knight"	Party Monsters: Cabo (CC)	Bruce Jenner: THS	News (N)		
	254	-	9	M	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Omni News: Mandarin Edition	News: Cantonese Edition	Omni News: Punjabi Edition	Metropia		
	250	321	9	CTV	etalk (CC)	Hollywood	American Idol (N) (CC)	Criminal Minds "Mayhem"	CSI: NY "Page Turner" (CC)	News (N)		
	-	-	10	OMNI	The Daily	Frasier (CC)	Stargate SG-1	Third Watch "Faith" (CC)	Scrubs (CC)	Diya (CC)	New Day	
	252	336	6	GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	House (CC)	Lie to Me "A Perfect Score"	(:02) Life on Mars (N) (CC)	News (N)		
	256	389	12	VI	Instant Star	TMZ (N) (CC)	Lost "Jughead" (CC)	Lost "The Little Prince" (N)	Law & Order "Illegitimate" (N)	News (CC)		
	253	359	13	CITY	Law & Order: SVU	13: Fear Is Real (CC)	Hates Chris	Friends (CC)	I Love Money (CC)	EP Daily		
	-	-	14	CW	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	Privileged (CC)	90210 "Help Me, Rhonda"	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)	
	289	381	15	CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Criminal Minds "Mayhem"	All Access Grammy Special	CSI: NY "Page Turner" (CC)	News (N)		
	287	379	16	NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Knight Rider "Fight Knight"	Life "Re-Entry" (N) (CC)	Law & Order "Illegitimate" (N)	News (N)		
	602	568	19	W	Will & Grace	Friends (CC)	Grocery	How Clean	Too Posh	Maxed Out	Maxed Out	Maxed Out
	288	380	21	ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Lost "Jughead" (CC)	Lost "The Little Prince" (N)	(:02) Life on Mars (N) (CC)	KOMO 4 News		
	-	-	22	KVOS	M*A*S*H	Seinfeld	Ray *** (2004, Biography)	Jamie Foxx, Kerry Washington	King	Still Standing	Scrubs (CC)	
	291	383	27	PBS	Steves Europe	Travels-Edge	George Carlin: The Mark Twain Prize (N)	Billy Crystal: The Mark Twain Prize (CC)		MI-5 (CC)		
	290	382	28	FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	American Idol (N) (CC)	Lie to Me "A Perfect Score"	News (N) (CC)	Family Guy		
	-	364	29	PBS	George Carlin	Crossing Line: Multiracial	Being Served	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)		African American Lives 2		
	296	654	32	SBK	Frasier (CC)	Frasier (CC)	Punk'd (CC)	South Park	Cheers (CC)	Half & Half	The Insider	Perfect Pullup
	298	653	33	TLA	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Privileged (CC)	90210 "Help Me, Rhonda"	KTLL Prime News (CC)	Friends (CC)		
	295	651	34	WGN	WGN News at Nine (N) (CC)	Family Guy	Two/Half Men	According-Jim	Sex and-City	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	My Wife-Kids
	297	652	35	WPX	PIX News at Ten Tong. (N)	Two/Half Men	Friends (CC)	Sex and-City	According-Jim	Frasier (CC)	Frasier (CC)	Odd Couple
news	199	311	36	STR	News (N)	News	Late Show-Letterman	(:37) Kitchen Nightmares		Late Late Show		
	502	390	37	NW	Amazing Moments (CC)		CBC News: The National (N)	CBC News: The National	Amazing Moments (CC)	National		
sports	500	500	38	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)			Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)	Cooper 360	
	407	419	22	RSP	WHL Hockey Saskatoon Blades at Edmonton Oil Kings. (Same-day Tape)				Sportsnet Connected (Live)	Sportsnet		
family	400	400	39	TSN	SportsCentre	NHL on TSN	SportsCentre	Off the Record	Premier League Poker II (Taped) (CC)		SportsCentre	
	411	457	40	OLN	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Survivorman (CC)	Mantracker "Mike and Neela"	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Survivorman	
cable variety	410	403	41	SCR	Score Tonight		Hardcore Hockey Talk	Final Score	Final Score	Final Score	Final Score	
	417	406	42	SC	Wrecked	Wrecked	NASCAR Pre.	Pass Time	Am. Thunder	Am. Thunder	Pinks	Wrecked
	416	409	43	GLF	Gol TV News	Samba	Foot Brazil	Train Like a Pro	Legends	Paid Program	Gol TV News	Gol TV News
	552	543	44	YTV	In The Real World (CC)		Malcolm-Mid.	Futurama	Adrenaline	Prank Patrol	Falcon Beach	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	45	TEL	Totally Spies	Total Drama	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	American Dad	Chicken	Father
	557	541	46	FAM	Wizards-Place	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory in House
	553	546	47	TRE	Comfy Couch	Rolie Polie	Max & Ruby	Babar (CC)	Backyard	Dora-Explorer	Go, Diego, Go!	Franklin
	552	505	48	KNO	Canadian Waterways (CC)		Man Made Marvels (N) (CC)	Giuseppe Verdi: Messa da Requiem (N)		Cello	Montreal Jazz	
	575	583	49	CMT	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Three Chords	Tara Diaries	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)
	570	580	50	MM	Video on Trial	Video on Trial	PunchMuch	America's Best	Dance Crew	disBand	Born to Be	Spotlight
	600	564	51	H&G	Hid Potential	Really Big Flip	Holmes on Homes (CC)	Property	Unsellable	Mansions	Property Shop	Hid Potential
	615	520	52	A&E	Bounty Hunter	Exterminators	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter (CC)	Dog the Bounty Hunter (CC)	
	628	584	53	SPKE	UFC's Ultimate Fight Night		UFC Unleashed	CSI: NY "Time's Up" (CC)	Disorderly Conduct: Video		Unleashed	
	521	560	54	TLC	Extreme Forensics (CC)		Personal Justice (CC)	Solved "Blood Money" (CC)	Extreme Forensics (CC)		Mystery Diag.	
	616	522	55	SHO	The Outer Limits (CC)		About a Girl	About a Girl	The Guard "Live Free" (CC)		Big Love "Vision Thing" (N)	House (CC)
	620	523	56	BVO	Opera	Broadway	Law & Order "The Collar"	Without a Trace "Safe" (CC)		The Salton Sea *** (2002) Val	Kilmer. (CC)	
	601	562	57	SLC	Kimora: Fab	Kardashians	ET Canada	Matchmaker	Chop Shop	Mr. Friday	Trading Spouses	Biggest Loser
	520	505	58	DIS	Mayday (CC)		Daily Planet (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	Austin Stevens Adventures		Mayday (CC)	
	522	506	59	HIS	NCIS "Cover Story" (CC)		Cities of the Underworld	Museum Mysteries-World	NCIS "Cover Story" (CC)		Inventions	
	627	528	60	SPC	Rabbit Fall	Rabbit Fall	Stargate SG-1 (CC)	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Voyager (CC)		Star Trek: Ent.	
	294	650	61	TBS	Meet-Browns	Meet-Browns	House-Payne	House-Payne	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	The Whole Ten Yards * (2004) Bruce Willis.	
	619	525	62	TROP	Reality	Ad Persuasion	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Raymond	Family Guy	Married... With
	603	561	63	FN	Top Chef "Le Bernardin" (N)		Restaurant Makeover (CC)	Challenge Luau menus. (CC)	Iron Chef America (CC)		Top Chef	
	626	547	64	COM	Air Farce	Just for Laughs (CC)		Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Jon Dore	RENO 911!
	320	621	65	CEN	(6:25) How She Move ***		Romulus, My Father ** (2007)	Eric Bana. (CC)	(:45) Black August (2007) Gary Dourdan, Darren Bridgett. (CC)			
	581	566	66	MTV	The Real World "Brooklyn"		MTV Live	After	Bromance (CC)		The Real World "Brooklyn"	MTV Live
	261	394	67	V	(6:00) The Buddy Holly Story *** (1978)		Credo (CC)	Buddy Holly & the Music	Summer Wine	Dinnerladies	Paid Program	
	-	-	109	MUL	Matchmaker	Mom's-Upset	Van. Nights	Iranian Pop	Sabor Latino	Sabor Musical	Travel TV	Patrol World

critics'corner

CSI: NY

If you know someone who hates to read, don't let him watch this episode; it'll just scare him further. When people start dying mysteriously of radiation poisoning, Mac and Stella (Gary Sinise, Melina Kanakaredes) and the rest of the team check out the evidence, which points to a deadly book residing in the New York Public Library. The band Maroon 5 guest stars in "Page Turner." 10 PM on CBS



Criminal Minds

Gotta love those explosive season finales. This series ended its third season with some of the BAU members in a van explosion in New York, where they'd been investigating what turned out to be a terrorist group. In this encore of the fourth-season premiere, their colleagues are fighting to save them and track down the mad bomber — or bombers. Joe Mantegna, Thomas Gibson and Paget Brewster star in "Mayhem." 8 PM on CBS

In brief

ARREST Girls Gone Wild founder Joe Francis was arrested by U.S. marshals on Monday when he arrived five hours late to a court hearing over a request by his law firm to withdraw as his legal counsel in a tax case. U.S. District Judge S. James Otero issued a warrant for Francis' arrest on Monday morning, when he failed to appear for the hearing at the set time, said Thom Mrozek, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office. Weinberger said that she would try to have Francis released after he is processed.

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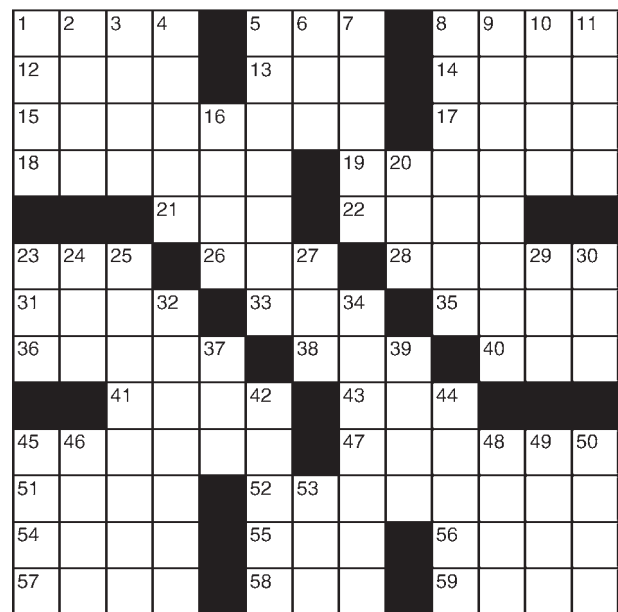
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Crossword across

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| 1 Pronto, on a memo | 21 Mimic | 45 Garment with something to say? |
| 5 Section of L.A.? Fashion | 22 Riga resident | 47 Realm |
| 8 Fashion 12 — fide (in bad faith) | 23 Bachelor's last utterance | 51 Extended period? |
| 13 Descartes' conclusion | 26 Doctrine | 52 Illegal football plays |
| 14 Out there someplace | 28 Velveeta maker | 54 Urban pall |
| 15 Drilling site | 31 Pompom | 55 Barack : Michelle : Herbert |
| 17 Small salamanders | 33 Drunkard | : — |
| 18 A big-screen Batman | 35 Fairy tale baddie | 56 Bound |
| 19 Tenant | 36 Parlour furniture | 57 DIY buys |
| | 38 Fella | 58 Wriggly one |
| | 40 Storm center | 59 Kenny Rogers song |
| | 41 Vail gear | |
| | 43 Greek consonants | |

Crossword down

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| 1 Out of control | 25 Collateral branch | 49 Peruse |
| 2 Secure | 27 Unruly bunch | 50 Catch sight of |
| 3 — Romeo | 29 Saute | 53 Adversary |
| 4 Trattoria offering | 30 Links prop | |
| 5 Cub's mama | 32 Receipts in Britain | |
| 6 Skull tool | 34 Melodic | |
| 7 Olfactory stimulus | 37 Round Table address | |
| 8 Baton waver | 39 Vagrants | |
| 9 In the wings | 42 Pilfered | |
| 10 Social engagement | 44 Drinker's mishap | |
| 11 Gaelic | 45 Agenda entry | |
| 16 Arizona tribe | 46 Big rig | |
| 20 "A mouse!" | 48 Concept | |
| 23 "— Impossible" | | |
| 24 Pair with an air | | |

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

ERGO	SPA	FACT	2	3	6	4	7	5	1	9	8
CELL	HEN	OBOE	4	1	5	8	6	9	7	3	2
HEAD	COLD	OLLA	7	8	9	3	1	2	4	5	6
ODD	OAF	GLEAM	6	5	3	9	2	1	8	4	7
TIT	BUS		1	2	4	7	8	3	9	6	5
BRAWN	MONGREL		8	9	7	6	5	4	2	1	3
AUDI	GAB	OURS	5	4	8	1	3	7	6	2	9
STOCKED	BLEED		3	7	1	2	9	6	5	8	4
EEL	BAD		9	6	2	5	4	8	3	7	1
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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:	17-21 min	Smart
Under 13 min	21-25 min	Not bad
13-17 min	25+ min	Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Sloppy Joes

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb (500 g) lean ground beef
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 celery stalk, finely chopped
- 1 green pepper, seeded and finely chopped
- 14 oz (398 ml) can chopped tomatoes
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) chili sauce, or to taste
- 2 tsp (10 ml) Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tsp (10 ml) cider vinegar
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 4 buns, split and toasted

COLESLAW:

- 1 large carrot, peeled and cut into matchsticks
- 5 1/3 cups white cabbage, finely shredded
- 1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml) olive oil
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) cider vinegar

METHOD:

- Put meat in large non-stick frying pan over moderate heat and cook 4-5 minutes. Break up meat with wooden spatula.

When meat is no longer pink, add onion, celery and green pepper. Cook 5 minutes until vegetables are softened.

2. Add tomatoes, chili sauce to taste, Worcestershire sauce, vinegar and black pepper. Cook 15-20 minutes, stirring often, until flavours are blended.

3. Meanwhile, make coleslaw: Mix together carrot and cabbage in large bowl. Sprinkle with oil and vinegar and toss together.

4. Put bottoms of toasted buns onto four plates and spoon meat mixture on top. Pile on coleslaw and cover with tops of buns. Serve immediately.

SERVES 4



Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Think of the consequences before getting involved in an argument. A perplexed person contacts you about their feelings.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Heed a friend's distress and be ready to stand up for justice. Have cash handy for your generous impulses.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Your finances need changing due to your new circumstances. A handshake is as good as a contract if you trust somebody.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Bless those who keep you out of trouble. Discuss your philosophy and tactics with your allies.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Pay attention to the rules and all will be well. You'll acknowledge the assistance of a loyal companion.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Problems are resolved when you do things properly. Talking with authority figures will give you satisfaction.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Elegant words can be stirring or completely hilarious. A serious person needs to get a sense of humour. A helpful man will make a special offer.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Look for someone with a key to the knowledge that you seek. Think long and hard before refusing an invitation.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Maintain your dignity to teach somebody to show respect. Stay balanced when an icy cheerfulness masks a rivalry.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
You have the strength of character to help someone. Excessive pride causes a buffoon to fall from grace.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Pleasure causes mayhem to erupt. Change patterns in your response to family members. You can reflect on someone's true nature.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
A great project will come back to life after a hiatus. Unexpected events will keep you hopping.



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1. Mightily jolts "The Simpsons" network (1)

2. Karate school magic charm (2)

3. Canny, straitlaced person (1)

4. Banana-y or apple-y pirate's plunder (2)

5. Plain, unadorned nun's headdress (2)

6. One who orderly piles up Saltines (2)

7. Michigan State team's egg boxes (2)

ANSWERS:
1. ROCKS FOX 2. DOJO MOJO 3. SHREWD PRUDE 4. FRUITY BOOTY
5. SIMPLE WIMPLE 6. CRACKER STACKER 7. SPARTANS CARTONS
2-4-09

This day in history

- FEB. 4, 1703: In Edo (now Tokyo), 46 of the Forty-Seven Ronin commit seppuku (ritual suicide) as recompense for avenging their master's death.
- FEB. 4, 1789: George Washington is unanimously elected to be the first President of the United States by the U.S. Electoral College.
- FEB. 4, 1992: A Coup d'état is led by Hugo Chávez Frías, against Venezuelan President Carlos Andrés Pérez.
- FEB. 4, 1997: After at first contesting the results, Serbian President Slobodan Milošević recognizes opposition victories in the November 1996 elections.

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Miley Cyrus says her mom's black Porsche — which she inherited around her 16th birthday — was driving her crazy. So she ditched it for a new set of wheels. "My dad surprised me last night with a black Prius," she said on her website Monday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Mayer's blog hints at engagement

RELATIONSHIPS John Mayer has announced plans to propose to girlfriend Jennifer Aniston, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Gravity singer — who briefly split from the Friends actress last year after she became annoyed with him speaking publicly about their relationship — took to his Twitter blog over the weekend to confirm his intentions. On Friday he wrote: "Visiting the Diamond Exchange in Tustin." He then followed the comment up on Saturday with: "Welding an engagement ring for my girlfriend."

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Kutcher comes to Phelps' defence

PEOPLE Ashton Kutcher is standing up for Michael Phelps after photos surfaced of the Olympian smoking marijuana, us-magazine.com reports.

"God forbid he hit a bong," Kutcher Twittered about the incident on Monday. "Go ask your 20-year-old kid what they did last weekend."

"I'm not saying it was a smart move. But he doesn't need to be publicly outed for it," Kutcher went on.

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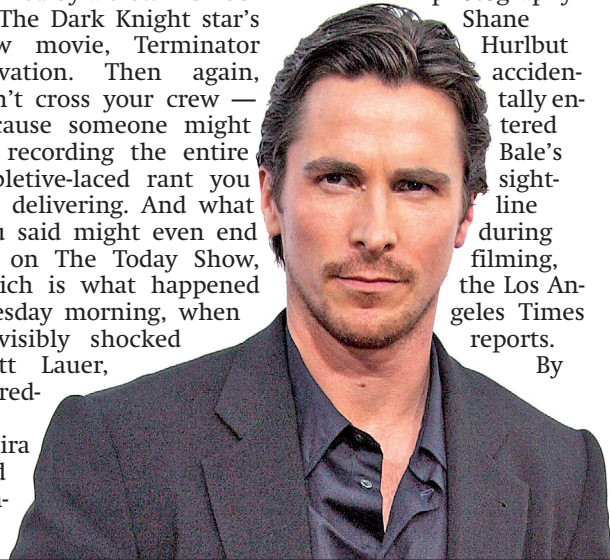
Bale's verbal rampage

TEMPER Don't cross Christian Bale, people.com reports.

At least that's the lesson learned by a crew member of The Dark Knight star's new movie, Terminator Salvation. Then again, don't cross your crew — because someone might be recording the entire expletive-laced rant you are delivering. And what you said might even end up on The Today Show, which is what happened Tuesday morning, when a visibly shocked Matt Lauer, Meredith Vieira and others

discussed Bale's scorching on-the-set rant — which came about after Terminator Salvation director of photography Shane Hurlbut accidentally entered Bale's sight-line during filming, the Los Angeles Times reports.

By



The Today Show's count, Bale, 35, dropped the F-bomb 36 times during his nearly four-minute verbal attack.

Contacted by People magazine on Monday, reps for Bale had no comment about the tape, which first surfaced on TMZ.com.

Bruce Franklin, an assistant director and associate producer on the Terminator film, called Bale's behaviour toward Hurlbut uncharacteristic for the star, whom Franklin told E! News was a "consummate professional." As for the incident, "It was just a moment and it passed."

To hear Bale's rant, visit this article online at metronews.ca/celebrity-buzz. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Madonna nabs boytoy Jesus

RELATIONSHIPS Madonna has reportedly introduced her Brazilian model lover Jesus Luz to her children, femalefirst.co.uk is saying.

The singer was spotted dining with the 22-year-old hunk in New York's Macelleria Italian Steakhouse over the weekend along with two of her children — Lourdes, 12, and adopted David, three.

A source said: "The chemistry was fizzing between Madonna and Jesus and Lourdes seemed interested to get to know him."

After the meal, Madonna took Lourdes and David shopping, and Lourdes —

the singer's daughter from a previous relationship with fitness trainer Carlos Leon — was seen trying on several designer items of clothing.

Madonna, 50, met Jesus in December when they were paired up for a photo shoot for U.S. fashion magazine W.

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Halle's boyfriend promises more kids

FAMILY She may be their only child for now, but Halle Berry and Gabriel Aubry's daughter, Nahla Ariela, will be getting a brother or sister — if the proud papa

gets his way, people.com reports.

"She needs a sibling," Aubry told People magazine. "I think it's important," adds Aubry, who

comes from a family of eight children. And what does Berry, 42, think of his plans to expand the family? "She's okay with it," he says. "Absolutely."

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Brit's kids on tour

FAMILY It's off to the circus for Britney Spears' children, people.com reports.

The pop star took to her blog Monday to knock down a report that her upcoming two-month tour was in trouble because of a snag over whether she could travel with her two boys.

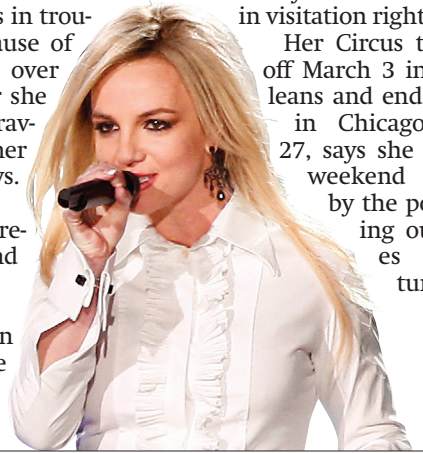
"Both Sean Preston and Jayden James will, in fact, be joining Britney

throughout the duration of her tour," says Spears' blog.

Spears' ex, Kevin Federline, 30, has primary custody of the boys, ages three and two, but Spears has nearly 50-50 access to them in visitation rights.

Her Circus tour kicks off March 3 in New Orleans and ends April 28 in Chicago. Spears, 27, says she spent the weekend lounging by the pool checking out sketches of costumes.

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Amy moving to Jamaica

LIFESTYLE Amy Winehouse is moving to Jamaica, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Rehab singer — who has been staying in the Caribbean island of St. Lucia since December to overcome her drug problems — wants to avoid "bad influences" in London and record her long-awaited third album in Jamaica, the home of late reggae leg-

end Bob Marley.

A source said: "Amy is having the time of her life in St. Lucia and doesn't want it to end. She's looking and feeling so much better and is worried about the bad influences waiting for her back in London. She's written a big chunk of her new album and has told bosses she wants to go to Jamaica to record it."

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Jolie peeved over Pitt party?

RELATIONSHIPS Angelina Jolie "hit the roof" when partner Brad Pitt embarked on a series of wild nights out recently, femalefirst.co.uk alleges.

The website says that Pitt, 45, reportedly decided to spend an evening partying after the recent Berlin premiere of new movie The Curi-

ous Case of Benjamin Button, much to the irritation of The Changeling actress.

In Touch Weekly magazine reports Pitt's glass was "always half full" during the evening, and he was often heard drunkenly exclaiming: "Wow! The Germans make the best beer in the world! One more, please!"

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